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SPOON FOR ADMINISTERING MEDICINE.

The SILVER ISIS MEDAL was presented to Mr. G. GIBSON, 71, Bishopsgate Street, for a Spoon for administering Medicine, which has been placed in the Society's Repository.

IN administering medicine in an open spoon to fractious children or to insane persons, part of it is often lost from the struggles of the patient. To remedy this inconvenience, and thus to bring the quantity of medicine given to greater certainty, Mr. Gibson has invented a covered spoon, represented in fig. 12, Plate I.

The bowl of the spoon is covered, except just at the extremity *w*, where there is an orifice for the discharge of the fluid; in the cover is a flap *t*, with a hinge, which is opened in order to pour in the medicine; the handle *v* is round and perforated, opening externally, and also into the bowl. In order to use it, the medicine is to be poured into the bowl, and the spoon is so to be held in the hand that the thumb may cover the hole at the end of the handle, and two of the fingers may press against the disk *u*, so as to have a firmer hold; the spoon is then to be thrust sufficiently far into the patient's mouth, the thumb is to be withdrawn, and the pressure of the air will immediately force the medicine out of the spoon into the patient's throat.